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8 Mile Road Association awards four more façade grants

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Four more 8 Mile Road businesses are getting a facelift as part of this year's façade-improvement grant program courtesy of the [8 Mile Boulevard Association](#).

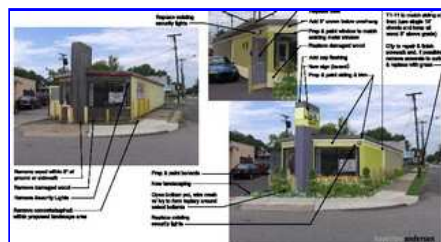
The association has handed out five grants so far this year to businesses along the 8 Mile corridor between John R Street and Ryan Road. Each has been worth thousands of dollars.

Improvements will begin later this fall on Golden Greek Lounge, 1800 E 8 Mile in Detroit, the Fish King, 20351 Conant Street in Detroit, and Babes Barber - Salon, 20359 Conant in Detroit.

Work has already started on [Lewis Tire Service](#), 317 E. 8 Mile Road in Hazel Park, and the association is working on plans with a yet-to-be-announced Warren business.



The grants provide funding for new planters, awnings, benches and signage for the stores. The program is giving up to \$95,000 in grants to restore business facades along both sides of 8 Mile. The grants are supposed to help turn 8 Mile into a place that unites Metro Detroit's communities and not as the area's stereotypical dividing line, according to Tami Salisbury, executive director of the 8 Mile Boulevard Association. The association choose the intersection of 8 Mile and Dequindre as the center for the first round of grants because that is where Wayne, Macomb and Oakland counties meet.



Participating businesses receive free architectural consulting from Detroit-based [Hamilton Anderson Associates](#). The businesses will oversee the improvements and the 8 Mile Boulevard Association will review the project after it's finished and reimburse 50 percent of the expenses up to \$10,000.

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The Community Foundation for Southeastern Michigan donated \$50,000 to the program while the city of Detroit gave \$35,000 and the 8 Mile Boulevard Association contributed \$10,000.

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